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SUBJECT:UNFAVORABLE PUBLICITY OF US TREATMENT OF MEXICAN  
ILLEGALLY IN US

1. MEXICAN DAILIES OF JULY 28 REPORTED PRESS CONFERENCE  
HELD IN MEXICO CITY BY ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ HERNANDEZ, IDENTIFIED  
AS GENERAL COORDINATOR OF CHICANO MOVEMENT, CASA.  
RODRIGUEZ ACCUSED USG OF VARIETY CRUELITIES  
("A CAMPAIGN OF TERROR") AGAINST MEXICAN UNDOCUMENTED  
WORKERS ADDING THAT ANYONE BROWN-SKINNED AND SPEAKING WITH  
ACCENT IN US WAS SUBJECT TO HARRASSMENT.HE  
CHARGED THAT BASIC CIVIL RIGHTS OF ILLEGALS WERE  
CONSTANTLY VIOLATED INCLUDING "BASIC RIGHT TO LIVE  
WHERE ONE PLEASES."

2. RODRIGUEZ'S HEADLINE-GRABBING CHARGES REFLECT SIMILAR  
CHARGES MADE BY CASA AND OTHER SUCH GROUPS THROUGHOUT  
PAST FEW YEARS. THESE EMOTIONAL CHARGES, COMBINED WITH  
CURRENT MEXICAN PRESS INTEREST (OFTEN SENSATIONALIST)  
IN INS REPATRIATION PROGRAMS, ARE DIFFICULT IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE  
TO REBUT AND EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME ANY USEFUL AMMUNITION  
DEPT MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE.

3. A LISTING OF THE MOST SERIOUS AND/OR REPUGNANT  
ACCUSATIONS INCLUDE:

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(A) MEXICAN UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS ARE EXPLOITED BY US EMPLOYERS -- I.E., THAT MEXICANS ARE ACTIVELY RECRUITED BY US FARMERS AND THEN REPORTED TO INS WHEN THE WORKERS ARE NO LONGER NEEDED OR WHEN THE WORKERS ARE ABOUT TO BE PAID.

(B) INS TREATS ILLEGAL MEXICANS INHUMANLY -- THAT DETENTION CENTERS LACK BASIC FOOD AND SANITARY SERVICES, THAT DEPORTED WORKERS MUST LEAVE FAMILIES BEHIND, THAT ALL THE WORKERS' WAGES ARE SEIZED BY INS TO PAY US TAXES, THAT WORKERS ARE DEPORTED IN PLANES UNFIT FOR HUMAN TRAVEL.

(C) MEXICAN UNDOCUMENTED WORKERS ARE DENIED BASIC SERVICES BY THE US GOVERNMENT. I.E., EDUCATION, MEDICAL, AND WELFARE SERVICES.

(D) THE CURRENT DEPORTATION PROGRAM AND THE PROPOSED EASTLAND AND RODINO BILLS ARE PART OF A RACIST CAMPAIGN AGAINST MEXICANS AND ALL HISPANIC-AMERICANS. ONE PARTICULARLY UGLY BUT RECURRING ACCUSATION IS THAT MEXICAN WOMEN ILLEGALLY IN THE US ARE FORCED TO BE STERILIZED IF THEY GIVE BIRTH IN A US HOSPITAL.

4. DEPT RESPONSE WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATED.  
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